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PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Week Ending Friday, December 22, 1978

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

White House Statement on the Organization's Increase in Oil Prices. December 17, 1978

We regret the OPEC decision and hope that it will be reconsidered before the next steps take effect.

Market conditions do not warrant a price increase of this magnitude, since the current tightness in the world oil market is a temporary situation that does not reflect underlying demand forces.

This large price hike will impede programs to maintain world economic recovery and to reduce inflation. Responsibility for the success of these programs is shared by the oil-producing countries.

NOTE: Earlier, representatives of the member countries meeting in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, had voted to increase oil prices at 3-month intervals to a total of 14.5 percent by the end of 1979.

Imports of Papermaking Machinery From Finland

Proclamation 4630. December 15, 1978

REDUCTION OF RATES OF DUTY ON CERTAIN PAPERMAKING MACHINERY

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Under the Geneva (1967) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the United States agreed to staged reductions in duty rates on machines for making cellulosic pulp, paper, or paperboard, and parts thereof provided for in items 668.00 and 668.06 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202).

On December 16, 1967, the President modified (in Proclamation No. 3822) the TSUS in order to carry out the Geneva Protocol including staged reductions of column 1 duty rates to 3.5 percent ad valorem on machines for making cellulosic pulp, paper, or paperboard, and parts thereof.

The Republic of Finland has benefitted from those tariff reductions. As a result of a March 13, 1978 ruling by the United States Customs Service the benefits contemplated to accrue to the Republic of Finland from these tariff reductions were substantially reduced.

The restoration of the contemplated benefits of these tariff reductions to the Republic of Finland would promote the foreign trade of the United States and the Republic of Finland. Pursuant to Section 101(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2111(a)), I have determined that certain existing duties of the United States are unduly burdening and restricting the foreign trade of the United States and that one or more purposes of the Trade Act would be promoted by entering into a trade agreement with the Republic of Finland and restoring those contemplated benefits.

Having complied with the provisions of the Trade Act, including Sections 131 (a), 132, and 133, I have, through my

duly empowered representative, on July 21, 1978, entered into a trade agreement with the Republic of Finland entitled "Agreement Supplementary to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" which restores the tariff concessions on certain papermaking machinery and parts thereof affected by the March 13, 1978 United States Customs Service ruling, and which provides that such new concessions shall be applied as if they were included in part I of Schedule XX to the GATT, with the understanding that as soon as practicable these new concessions will be specifically included in Schedule XX.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States of America, including Sections 101 and 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2111 and 2483), and Article II, paragraph 5, of the GATT (61 Stat. (pt. 5) A16) do hereby proclaim:

(1) The TSUS are modified as provided in the Annex to this Proclamation.

(2) Part 1 of Schedule XX to the GATT is modified to conform with the modifications of the TSUS set forth in the Annex to this Proclamation.

(3) The modifications made by this Proclamation shall be effective as to articles entered, or withdrawn, from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 13, 1978, and as to which the liquidations of the entries or withdrawals have not become final and conclusive under Section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and third.

JIMMY CARTER

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 12:03 p.m., December 18, 1978]

NOTE: The annex to the proclamation is printed in the FEDERAL REGISTER of December 19, 1978.

The text of the proclamation was released on December 18.

Imports of Papermaking Machinery From Finland

Executive Order 12104. December 15, 1978

AMENDING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Title V and Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 2066, 19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*; 88 Stat. 2073, 19 U.S.C 2483), in order to make conforming changes to the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to reflect changes to the Tariff Schedules of the United States proclaimed by me to implement a trade agreement between the United States and Finland entered into on July 21, 1978, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1–101. Annex II of Executive Order No. 11888 of November 24, 1975, as amended, listing articles that are eligible for benefits of GSP when imported from any designated developing country, is further amended by deleting TSUS item numbers 660.94, 661.55, 661.70, and

680.45, and by adding, in numerical sequence, item numbers 660.96, 660.97, 661.54, 661.56, 661.67, 661.68, 680.43, and 680.44.

1–102. The amendments made by this Order shall be effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 13, 1978, and as to which the liquidation of the entries or withdrawals have not become final and conclusive under Section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514).

JIMMY CARTER

The White House,
December 15, 1978.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 12:04 p.m., December 18, 1978]

NOTE: The text of the Executive order was released on December 18.

March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention Month, January 1979

Statement by the President. December 18, 1978

Fifteen million persons in America today have birth defects. Low birthweight is the most common root of such problems. It is not only the leading cause of infant mortality in this country, but also a major factor in disability during childhood. Thanks to the medical progress we have made, newborns weighing less than two and one-half pounds now have an almost fifty percent chance of survival. Only a few years ago their chances were less than twenty percent. But even with greatly improved newborn intensive care, many survivors are physically and mentally scarred for life. With proper nutrition and adequate care during pregnancy, low birthweight, like so many birth defects, can very often be prevented.

Another 200,000 babies are born each year with structural or metabolic defects. In addition, many disabling and life-shortening disorders have their origin during pregnancy and birth. Many times these are not thought of as birth defects because symptoms may not appear until later in life.

It is my hope that during 1979, the International Year of the Child, we will marshal our best efforts to make reproductive health the focus of our priority national attention. We must assure every child the right to a healthy start in life. We must join with other nations of the world in protecting the well-being of children—the most precious resource of all.

Prevention of birth defects has long been the special mission of the March of Dimes. In every community of this country the March of Dimes has initiated educational and medical service programs to protect the unborn and newborn. It has increased the availability of prenatal care, started and supported programs to improve maternal nutrition, created a nationwide group of genetic centers and established and assisted newborn intensive care units. It has built a productive partnership with the community, the professions and government at all levels—and proved how much can be accomplished by such a cooperative effort.

As we observe January 1979 as March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention Month, let us thank the March of Dimes for its critical leadership in this vital task, and let us strengthen our national com-

mitment to our children and to their entry into life with a health future.

NOTE: The President signed the statement at an Oval Office ceremony attended by Melanie Brockington, March of Dimes Poster Child, and members of her family. Also present were Charles Marsey, president, and Harry Green, chairman of the board of directors of the National Foundation of the March of Dimes.

Christmas 1978

Message of the President. December 18, 1978

Rosalynn and I send our warmest wishes to our fellow citizens who celebrate the birth of Christ and who rejoice with us in the coming of the peace He symbolizes.

We welcome this opportunity to offer our thanks to those who have given us their encouragement and prayers.

We also join in this Season's traditional expression of appreciation to God for His blessings in the past year. And we ask for His continuing guidance and protection as we face the challenges of 1979.

We hope that the months ahead will be good to each of you and to our country.

JIMMY CARTER

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Appointment of John G. Lorenz as a Member. December 19, 1978

The President today announced the appointment of John G. Lorenz, of Bethesda, Md., as a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Lorenz, 63, is executive director of the Association of Research Libraries. He is a former Deputy Librarian of Congress.

Garnishment of Moneys Payable to Employees of Executive Agencies and the District of Columbia

Executive Order 12105. December 19, 1978

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 461(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 501(c) of the Tax Reduction and Simplification Act of 1977 (Public Law 95–30, 91 Stat. 158, 42 U.S.C. 661(a)(1)), and Section 301 of Title 3 of the United States Code, and as President of the United States of America, in order to provide for the enforcement of legal obligations to provide child support or make alimony payments incurred by employees of the Executive branch, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1–1. *Delegation of Authority.*

1–101. The United States Civil Service Commission, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense with respect to members of the armed forces, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia with respect to employees of the Government thereof, is authorized to promulgate regulations for the uniform implementation of Section 459 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 659), hereinafter referred to as the Act.

1–102. The regulations promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission pursuant to this Order shall:

(a) Be applicable to the Executive branch of the Government as defined in Section 461(a)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 661(a)(1)).

(b) Require the appropriate officials of the Executive branch of the Government to take the actions prescribed by Sections 461(b)(1), 461(b)(3)(A) and 461(c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 661(b)(1), 661(b)(3)(A) and 661(c)).

(c) Require the appropriate officials of the Executive branch of the Government to issue such rules, regulations and directives as are necessary to implement the regulations of the United States Civil Service Commission.

1-2. *Revocations.*

1-201. Executive Order No. 11881 of October 3, 1975 is revoked.

1-202. All regulations, directives, or actions taken by the United States Civil Service Commission pursuant to Executive Order No. 11881 of October 3, 1975 shall remain in effect until modified, superseded or revoked by the United States Civil Service Commission pursuant to this Order.

JIMMY CARTER

The White House,
December 19, 1978.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 10:52 a.m., December 20, 1978]

Diplomatic Relations Between the United States and the People's Republic of China

Interview With Walter Cronkite of the Columbia Broadcasting System. December 19, 1978

TAIWAN

MR. CRONKITE. We have no commitment from Peking that it will not use force to take Taiwan. Secretary of State Vance has said only that we have the expectation that it will not. But if the present Peking Government or some future Peking Government tried to reunify Taiwan by force, would we feel free to use force to help Taiwan resist?

THE PRESIDENT. In the first place, the People's Republic of China does not have the capability of launching a 120-mile attack across the ocean against Taiwan, who are heavily fortified and also heavily armed. And we have made it clear to the People's Republic that after this year, when the treaty does expire, this coming year, that we will sell to Taiwan defensive weapons.

I think it is accurate to say also, Walter, that the major interest that the People's Republic of China has in the Western Pacific is peace and good relationships with us. They know our firm expectations, clearly expressed to them, that the differences between China and Taiwan will be settled peacefully. And I think to violate that understanding with us would be to wipe out all the benefits to them and to Asia of peace and their new relationship with us.

We have obviously a desire and a commitment to maintain peace in the Western Pacific. And as would be the case with an altercation between any two peoples, we would certainly be deeply concerned. But I don't want to speculate on under what circumstances we might take military action because I think it's an absolutely unnecessary speculation, because the people of China want peace, they want good relationships with us, and because Taiwan is so strong and will stay strong.

MR. CRONKITE. Well, clearly, if the situation changed drastically in our relations with any of these two other units, the Chinese Government and Taiwan, we can take a new look at the situation, I suppose.

THE PRESIDENT. That's always an option. And I think, as you know, political circumstances change around the world

constantly, and we would have to reassess them as they do occur. But I don't have any doubt that we made the right decision. We have made our intentions and our expectations clear to the people of China and to Taiwan.

My reports from Taiwan, in the last day or few hours, has been that they studied the agreements with the People's Republic, that their original concerns have been substantially alleviated, and I don't think that the people of Taiwan are any more concerned about future peace than they were before. In addition, we will maintain trade relationships, cultural relationships with the people of Taiwan, as has been the case in the past.

SOVIET REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. CRONKITE. Have you had any recent conversations with any Soviet officials or have you heard from Moscow as to what their reaction is in the last few hours, bringing us up to date?

THE PRESIDENT. Yes, I've had a personal message delivered to me this afternoon from President Brezhnev expressing his understanding that our commitment is to peace in the entire world, acknowledging the fact that the American position is that our new relationship with the People's Republic of China will contribute to world peace, and acknowledging the fact that the proper relationship between major sovereign nations is to have full diplomatic relations.

So, I would characterize his personal message to me as being very positive in tone. And I can say without any doubt that our new relationship with China will not put any additional obstacles in the way of a successful SALT agreement and also will not endanger our good relationships with the Soviet Union.

VISITS BY CHINESE AND SOVIET LEADERS

MR. CRONKITE. What about the slight protocol problem of timing visits from Teng Hsiao-p'ing, the Vice Chairman, who's due here from Peking on Janaury 29, and a possible visit from Chairman Brezhnev to sign a SALT agreement? Can Chairman Brezhnev come after Teng has been here?

THE PRESIDENT. I can't set the schedule for him. My hope is that President Brezhnev would come before Mr. Teng comes to Washington.

As you know, Secretary Vance will be meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko day after tomorrow, the 21st, and at that time we'll see if the SALT agreements are coming to a successful conclusion. If so, we will extend immediately again an invitation to President Brezhnev to come here during the middle part of January.

The two visits would, obviously, not overlap or conflict, and I think I'll be well prepared, in studying the prospective agenda, to meet with both of them in the same month.

MR. CRONKITE. What about return visits from you, sir?

THE PRESIDENT. Well, we have not made any plans for that. And I would presume that both leaders might invite me to come to their countries sometime in the future. And I would look with favor on those invitations, but not anytime soon.

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION

MR. CRONKITE. Do you feel that this agreement with China puts any pressure on the Soviet Union to come to any early conclusion with the SALT talks?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I really can't assess any interrelationship between the two. The agreement with China was not

designed to put any sort of pressure on the Soviet Union. I think the outcome of the new relationship between ourselves and the billion people of China and their government is constructive and positive and contributes toward the lessening of tension rather than the building up of additional tension. And that applies to our relationship with the Soviet Union as well as to other countries.

CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS

MR. CRONKITE. Mr. President, some Members of Congress, including Democrats and some liberal Republicans, are claiming that you failed to live up to an administration pledge to consult with Congress before taking any such action as you have toward Taiwan and Peking. And now, there's a threat of a court challenge to the constitutionality of your cancelling the treaty without congressional approval. How seriously do you view this? Do you feel that either Congress or the courts could block this arrangement with both Taiwan and Peking?

THE PRESIDENT. No. My constitutional responsibility in establishing relationships with foreign countries is clear and cannot be successfully challenged in court.

We have had constant consultations with the Congress over the past 2 years. And our goal in establishing normal relations with China has been made clear on numerous occasions by me personally. When Secretary Vance went to China and came back, he gave the Congress leaders and Members a thorough briefing. Dr. Brzezinski did the same thing after his visit to China. I have met with all the Members of the Congress who would come to sessions here at the White House.

One of the deliberate items on my own agenda in explaining to them and answering their questions was about the terms under which we would normalize relationships with China. I might add that when numerous delegations of congressional leaders have gone to the People's Republic and come back, they have also given me and Secretary of State Vance their views on what ought to be done. Almost invariably their recommendation was to proceed expeditiously with normalization of relations with China.

So, there's been a clear understanding, really ever since 1972, of the policy of our Government toward China, a desire to normalize relations, and also a clear expression of my views both publicly and privately to the Members of Congress about our goals and the plans for accomplishing this goal.

I might say in complete candor that in the last 2 or 3 weeks, when the negotiations were building up to a climax in an unanticipated degree of rapidity of movement, we did not consult with anyone outside of a very tiny group within the executive branch of Government about the prospective success. But what did happen should not be a surprise to anyone. The congressional views were well known to me. My views were well known to the Members of Congress.

U.S.-CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS

MR. CRONKITE. Mr. President, what was the need for such haste? Why could you not have consulted with the congressional leaders first, before making the final commitment?

THE PRESIDENT. Well, Walter, my experience in negotiating sensitive and complicated agreements with foreign leaders, including the experience at Camp David and otherwise, is that to negotiate through the news media, through public pro-

nouncements and with wide divergencies of views expressed by different leaders in a country, is not conducive to success. And I'm authorized and directed by the Constitution and my responsibility is to conduct negotiations of this kind.

We did not depart from the established policy of our country that's been extant since President Nixon went to China in 1972. And I think had we caused a public debate in our country about all the ramifications of the negotiations at the very time we were trying to conclude these discussions with the Chinese, it would have resulted in failure. And our country would have lost a wonderful opportunity to a great stride forward and all the benefits that will be derived from this agreement.

So, I don't have any doubt that what I did was right and correct. I don't have any doubts that had we made a public issue of it, it would have complicated the issue unnecessarily.

U.S.-TAIWAN DEFENSE TREATY

MR. CRONKITE. Mr. President, on the matter of the court challenge, the challenge is not your right to recognize or to withdraw recognition of a government, but of your right to cancel a treaty. Does that change your view any of the validity of that challenge?

THE PRESIDENT. No. The treaty is being terminated in exact conformance with the terms of the treaty itself. Had I canceled the treaty or abrogated the treaty peremptorily as of the first day of January—which was the Chinese request to us, or demand from us originally—there may have been some justification for that court challenge. But the treaty provides that either side can terminate the effectiveness of the treaty by giving a 1-year notice. And that's exactly what we are doing with the people of Taiwan, telling them that after a year the treaty will no longer be in effect. It's completely in accordance with the terms of the treaty itself, Walter.

MR. CRONKITE. Since the Constitution requires the Senate to approve by a two-thirds vote the making of a treaty, you don't feel that there might be an implication in the Constitution that the same two-thirds would apply to canceling a treaty.

THE PRESIDENT. No. I think this gets into a complicated legal discussion, and I'm not qualified for it. But as of the first of January, we will have relations with and acknowledge the nationhood of China. And Taiwan will no longer be a nation in the view of our own country. And whether or not a treaty can exist with an entity which is no longer a nation is a legal question in itself. But we have gone a second mile to protect the integrity of our own country by extending the terms of the peace treaty for a full year, even after we recognize the China Mainland Government as the Government.

So, I think that we have more than honored the terms of the treaty, and I see no basis for a successful court challenge. I think what we've done is right. It's better for our country. It's better for the people of China. It does not hurt the people of Taiwan. It's good for world peace. I think we've benefited greatly, and I'm very proud of it.

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION

MR. CRONKITE. Can I ask you just one more real quick one now on the Senate of the United States?

THE PRESIDENT. Okay.

MR. CRONKITE. Do you think that putting the Chinese question on the agenda of the next session of Congress might

complicate the confirmation of a SALT treaty?

THE PRESIDENT. No, I think not. What we will ask the Congress to do next session is to pass special legislation to permit us to continue our cultural relations with Taiwan, our trade relations with Taiwan, the application of the Eximbank, and the support of loans to China—to the people of Taiwan, rather, and also to authorize us to sell weapons to Taiwan after the defense treaty expires.

So, I think that even those who oppose the normalization of relations with China will favor the continued relationships with Taiwan, which this legislation will have to authorize. So, I don't think this will complicate the other issues in Congress. They're almost as complicated as they can get anyhow. I don't think this will hurt at all.

MR. CRONKITE. Thank you very much, Mr. President, for taking the time to be with us. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT. It's a pleasure, Walter. Thank you.

NOTE: The interview began at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the White House. Mr. Cronkite spoke from a studio in New York City. The interview was taped for later broadcast on the CBS television network.

Consumers Opposed to Inflation in the Necessities

Statement Following a Meeting With the Organization. December 20, 1978

Following our very constructive meeting with COIN, I have asked Alfred E. Kahn, my adviser on inflation, to have the working groups he has assembled cooperate with COIN and other consumer groups to plan additional specific steps to hold down inflation in the sectors of the economy that provide the basic necessities of life. I expect their recommendations soon.

Consumers always seem to be the last to be consulted about the policies that determine what they pay for products and services in the marketplace. COIN has spoken up for consumers throughout this Nation effectively, and I want to hear their views before decisions are made. I want COIN to be a partner in our common effort to control inflation.

NOTE: The President met with leaders of member organizations of the consumer group at the White House on December 19.

River of No Return Wilderness

Letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate Transmitting Proposed Legislation. December 20, 1978

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In accordance with the Wilderness Act of 1964, I am pleased to transmit a proposal to designate a 1.9 million acre River of No Return Wilderness on portions of the Bitterroot, Boise, Challis, Nezperce, Payette and Salmon National Forests in Idaho.

This proposal fulfills a pledge made in my Environmental Message of May 1977 to review and expand the wilderness recommendation for this area submitted to the Congress by the prior Administration. The additional acreage included in my proposal reflects substantial involvement by concerned government and private organizations and groups at the national, state and local levels.

I strongly urge the Congress to favorably consider this proposal to preserve the

outstanding natural qualities of this large undeveloped area for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

Sincerely,

JIMMY CARTER

NOTE: This is the text of identical letters addressed to Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Walter F. Mondale, President of the Senate.

Office of Consumer Affairs

Appointment of Rodney E. Leonard as Deputy Director. December 20, 1978

The President today announced the appointment of Rodney E. Leonard, of Bethesda, Md., as Deputy Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs.

Leonard, 49, is currently serving as Acting Deputy Director. Prior to joining the Office of Consumer Affairs, he was chief executive officer of the Community Nutrition Institute, which he organized in 1970. He was with the Agriculture Department from 1961 to 1968, serving as assistant to the Secretary, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services, and Administrator of the Consumer and Marketing Service.

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

Appointment of Billy M. Mills as a Member. December 21, 1978

The President today announced the appointment of Billy M. Mills, of Fair Oaks, Calif., as a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Mills is a former Olympic track star who won a gold medal in the 1964 Olympics. He now works as a life insurance underwriter and is active in community affairs and as a public speaker.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following listing includes the President's daily schedule and other items of general interest as announced by the White House Press Office during the period covered by this issue. Events and announcements printed elsewhere in the issue are not included.

December 17

The President returned to the White House from a weekend stay at Camp David, Md.

December 18

The President met at the White House with:

—Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs;

—Vice President Walter F. Mondale;

—the National Security Council.

The President and Mrs. Carter hosted a Christmas reception in the morning for members of the Secret Service and their families on the State Floor of the White House.

The President and Mrs. Carter hosted a Christmas reception in the evening for

members of the White House staff on the State Floor of the White House.

December 19

The President met at the White House with:

—Dr. Brzezinski;

—a group of administration officials to discuss the fiscal year 1980 budget;

—the Energy Coordinating Committee;

—the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

December 20

The President met at the White House with:

—Dr. Brzezinski;

—a group of administration officials to discuss the fiscal year 1980 budget;

—Adm. Stansfield Turner, Director of Central Intelligence, Hamilton Jordan, Assistant to the President, and Dr. Brzezinski;

—a group of Democratic mayors to discuss the fiscal year 1980 budget;

—a group of Governors to discuss the fiscal year 1980 budget.

The President and Mrs. Carter hosted a Christmas reception in the afternoon for members of the Residence staff and their families on the State Floor of the White House.

The President and Mrs. Carter hosted a Christmas reception in the evening for members of the White House press corps on the State Floor of the White House.

December 21

At the President's direction, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher will lead a mission to Taiwan to discuss arrangements regarding the maintenance of commercial, cultural, and other relations between the American and Taiwanese peoples. This mission will coordinate, with the Taiwanese authorities, the general framework within which these unofficial relations are to be conducted after January 1, 1978. The mission to Taiwan will include Adm. Maurice Wiesner, USN, Commander in Chief, Pacific; Herbert Hansell, Legal Adviser of the Department of State; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Roger Sullivan; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Michael Armacost; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce W. Dean Moran. The delegation will arrive in Taipei on December 27 and leave Taipei on December 29.

The President declared a major disaster for the State of Arizona as a result of severe storms and flooding, beginning about December 17, which caused extensive public and private property damage.

December 22

The President met at the White House with:

—Dr. Brzezinski;

—a group of administration officials to discuss the fiscal year 1980 budget.

The President left the White House for a trip to Atlanta and Plains, Ga.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Sunday, October 15, no nominations were submitted during the period covered by this issue. The first session of the 96th Congress will begin on Monday, January 15, 1979.

CHECKLIST OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASES

The following releases of the Office of the White House Press Secretary, distributed during the period covered by this issue, are not included in the issue.

Released December 20, 1978

Advance text: address before the Foreign Policy Association—by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Released December 21, 1978

News conference: on the President's trip to Atlanta and Plains, Ga.—by Press Secretary Jody Powell

News conference: on the President's health—by Press Secretary Powell

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ACTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

NOTE: The President completed his consideration of acts and joint resolutions passed during the second session of the 95th Congress on November 10, 1978. The first session of the 96th Congress will begin on Monday, January 15, 1979.

Editor's Note

Note Concerning the Closing Time of This Issue

The President left the White House on Friday afternoon, December 22, for a trip to Atlanta and Plains, Ga. Releases issued on the trip will be printed next week.

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